1	2	3	4	5
3.	Improvement of drainage in critical areas of the country	Andhra Pradesh		1
		Bihar		1
		Orissa		1
		Uttar Pradesh	-	Work yet to be started 3
4	Maintenance of flood protection works of Kosi and Gandak Projects in Nepal Portion (Kosi-Bihar, Gandak - Uttar Pradesh)	Bihar Uttar Pradesh	The works are of maintenance in nature of existing embankments	
5.	Raising, strengthening & extension of embankments on Lalbakeya, Bagmati, Kamla-Balan and Khando rivers	Bihar	1 4	
6	Flood Proofing Programme in North Bihar	Bihar	10	
	GRAND TOTAL :		47	82

Water Harvesting

†843. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite insufficient monsoon rain the availability of water in 76 big water reservoirs of the country during past months has been more in comparison to the corresponding period in the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of water harvesting during the last year and this year upto the month of July, 2006;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite inadequate monsoon rain, the availability of water can be sufficient if water harvesting should be arranged; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The storage position of the 76 important reservoirs in the country being monitored by Central Water Commission (CWC) and the rainfall upto 3rd week of July 2005 and 2006 are given below:

	2005	2006
All India weighted rainfall (mm)	349.5	292.3
Percentage departure from normal*	0	(-)16
Live storage in 76 reservoirs being monitored by CWC (BCM)	44.38	52.27

(*Normal is defined as average for past 30 years.)

It is seen from the table that in 2006 the rainfall is less as compared to the corresponding period in 2005 but the storage is more. The net quantity of rainwater harvested in these 76 important reservoirs during the monsoon period of 2005-2006 as on 30th September, 2005 was 109.55 BCM. Water harvested in these reservoirs upto 21st July 2006 is 52.25 BCM.

(c) and (d) The availability of water in a hydrologic year with inadequate monsoon rain can be improved if the water harvested in the previous hydrologic year had been left unsued for its use in the next year.

Revival of Traditional Harvesting in KBK Region of Orissa

844. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) region of Orissa is the most poverty/drought-stricken region of the country;

(b) whether as per the Central Ground Water Authority survey, in 65 per cent of the KBK region, water is just below4-6 metres from the surface during summer;